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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97, as revised on February 4, 1992, 1135 OG 23-24, Applicant hereby calls the Examiner's attention to documents listed on the attached form, which documents may be material to the examination of this application. Copies of the references are enclosed herewith for the Examiner's consideration.

Applicants wish to advise the Examiner that US 6,312,979 and US 6,537,373 were cited by the Examiner in related US application no. 09/799,373.

No inference should be drawn that the attached list sets forth a comprehensive investigation of the prior art, that any or all are pertinent to the invention, or that any apparatus disclosed is equivalent to the subject invention.

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A first office action, notice of allowance or issue fee notification has been received in this case, so a check in the amount of \$180.00 is enclosed. If any additional fee is required, please charge Deposit Account No. 50/1039.

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